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USAGE OF LATE CODE 9 FOR 5010

Previously the California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) has allowed Late Code 9 to be used for 5010 implementation delays. On November 17, 2011, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that they are delaying the enforcement of compliance of HIPAA 5010 transaction standards. This extension allows providers to submit claims and other electronic transactions in the current 4010 format, until March 31, 2012.

The transition of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Integrated System (IS) to the HIPAA 5010 compliant format is expected to be complete in February or March 2012 with the first HIPAA 5010 claims scheduled to be sent to the State at the about the same time the federal extension period ends.

Providers were notified of these changes in a letter from DMH dated November 22, 2011 <http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/documents/112211ProviderNoticeon5010Implementation.pdf>.

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However, the usage of Late Code 9 has changed based on the following options:

1. **Continue to submit EDI claim transactions in the HIPAA 4010 format.**
Effectively immediately STOP using Late Code 9 until further notice.
2. **Submit claims to the IS using Direct Data Entry component of the IS.**
Effectively immediately STOP using Late Code 9 until further notice.
3. **Hold EDI claim transactions until they can be received by DMH in a HIPAA 5010 format.**
USE Late Code 9 for claims with Date of Service between July 2011 and March 2012 only for IS 5010 implementation delay unless another late code is more appropriate for the claim.

Please Note: For all claims that are not received by the State within the six months billing limitation for adjudication, you must use the late code that best describes the reasons for the delay of the claims.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Provider Relations at (213) 738-3311.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Provider Relations Unit (FFS Providers' First Point of Contact).....	(213) 738-3311
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